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To whom it may concern,

I read the July 1995 issue of PC Magazine, and in there I read a most disturbing article on page 83 regarding U.S. implementation of a not so good European technology called GSM in future U.S. technology for PCS (personal communications services).

The PC Magazine article points out some rather fundamental flaws in GSM, for hearing wearers mainly, but also points out interference problems with other electronic devices.

Given GSM's level of interference over other alternatives, it should be banned. Other alternatives, which among other things, use less power and don't cause the interference that GSM does.

Being a hearing aid wearer myself, and also a user of other electronic devices, I urge you to reverse BellSouth and Pacific Bell decisions to use GSM, and look at the more friendly alternatives instead (PC Magazine listed a few in their article).

If these other alternatives are not sufficient for some technical reason, they should keep looking for other alternatives. Using GSM would be a big mistake. There has to be better technology out there that will not cripple us more than we already are.

I also urge you to consider putting GSM on the "cannot use" list so that other companies making communications devices will not use it.

Yours truly,

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Dear Sirs:

I have read where the new personal communications services may utilize the GSM standard for their new wireless services. Since there are profound inherent difficulties in GSM for hearing-impaired persons, I am concerned that the United States may use this system, when there are alternatives available which would be much less hurtful to the hearing-impaired.

There are two hearing-impaired members of my family, and I look to the time in the not-so-distant future where I myself may need to rely on hearing aids. I would hate to think that this would mean that we cannot take advantage of the new PCS, and would, in fact, be terribly inconvenienced by it.

Please make sure that the United States utilizes another standard for their systems. We do not need to further complicate millions of people's lives when it is unnecessary to do so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

As an individual with a bilateral hearing impairment, I would like to express my concerns about the GSM (European) wireless telephone technology which will be introduced to Americans in the near future. These units are inaccessible and unacceptable to the more than six million of us who wear hearing aids.* We will be automatically excluded from the benefits of such technology if it is brought to the U.S.

In 1982 the Reagan Administration eliminated the EPA's Noise Control Office, which in turn dropped the requirement of noise-emission warning labels on loud equipment. This could potentially affect you personally in the event that your own hearing declines in today's world of loud machinery. I urge you to please ban the use of GSM phones in the U.S. if they cannot be modified to accommodate hearing aid users. Why not stop the problem NOW before it's too late?

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter!

Most sincerely,


Joyce Scott

* "Portable Telephones for Everyone," PC Magazine, July 1995.

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Subject: Personal Communications Services (PCS)

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Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that at least two of the common carrier companies allocated frequencies for PCS are planning to implement service by use of a Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) system based upon the European developed "GSM" standards.

It appears likely that you are already aware of the problems being experienced in Europe due to the use of GSM based devices. I am advised that in addition to being incompatible with hearing aids the portable transceivers radiate interference at a power level sufficient to inconvenience hearing aid users at a significant distance. I imagine that the packet switching transmissions occurring at a rate in the audible range are having an effect like the interference produced by the contacts of an old-fashioned electric bell.

Since it would be very difficult; maybe impractical, to adequately shield small electronic devices such as hearing aids and pacemakers I believe it is necessary that the FCC take action to ensure that the interference is trapped at the source or eliminated by using a different modulation method to that being used in Europe.

FCC has an excellent record in dealing with this kind of problem and I feel sure that this case will not prove to be an exception

Sincerely,

Rod Charles

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